

**California Code of Regulations
Title 16, Professional and Vocational Regulations
Division 20, Veterinary Medical Board**

1. Amend Section 2036 to read:

2036. Animal Hospital Health Care Tasks for R.V.T.

(a) Unless specifically so provided by regulation, a R.V.T. shall not perform the following functions or any other activity which represents the practice of veterinary medicine or requires the knowledge, skill and training of a licensed veterinarian:

- (1) Surgery;
- (2) Diagnosis and prognosis of animal diseases;
- (3) Prescription of drugs, medicines or appliances.

(b) An R.V.T. may perform the following procedures only under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian and when done so pursuant to the direct order, control and full professional responsibility of the licensed veterinarian:

- (1) Anesthesia induction by inhalation or intravenous injection;
- (2) Application of casts and splints;
- (3) Dental extractions;
- (4) Suturing of existing skin incisions.

(c) An RVT may perform the following procedures under indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian:

(1) Administer controlled substances.

~~(e)~~ (d) Subject to the provisions of subsection(s) (a) and (b) of this section, an R.V.T. may perform animal health care tasks under the direct or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian when done pursuant to the direct order, control and full professional responsibility of the licensed veterinarian. The degree of supervision by a licensed veterinarian over a R.V.T. shall be consistent with standards of good veterinary medical practices.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections 4808 and 4836, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4836 and 4840, Business and Professions Code.

2. Amend Section 2036.5 to read:

2036.5. Animal Hospital Health Care Tasks for Unregistered Assistants

(a) Unregistered assistants shall be prohibited from performing any of the functions or activities specified in subsections (a), ~~and~~ (b) and (c) of Section 2036 of these regulations-, except that an unregistered assistant under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian or registered veterinary technician may administer a controlled substance.

(b) Subject to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, unregistered assistants in an animal hospital setting may perform under the direct or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian or the direct supervision of a R.V.T. auxiliary animal health care tasks when done pursuant to the order, control and

full professional responsibility of a licensed veterinarian. The degree of supervision by a licensed veterinarian over an unregistered assistant shall be higher than or equal to the degree of supervision required when a R.V.T. performs the same task and shall be consistent with standards of good veterinary medical practices.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections 4808 and 4836, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4836 and 4840, Business and Professions Code.